

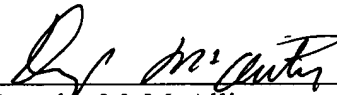
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forth in claims 24-40. The Examiner is respectfully requested to examine the elected claims 24-40, and to pass this application on to an early issue.

Should there be any remaining issues that need to be addressed in order to place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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